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Applicants: MIKAMI et al

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Examiner: J. Piziali

RESPONSE

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Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2006.

The requirement to elect one of the identified alleged patentably distinct species, sub-species and sub-sub-species as indicated in paragraph 3 at pages 2 - 4 of the office action is traversed as being improper in that the Examiner has at least mischaracterized the species, as indicated. For example, while the Examiner contends that Species I is drawn to a transmissive type liquid crystal display apparatus having a backlight while Species II is drawn to a reflective type liquid crystal display apparatus having no backlight, applicants submit that the various figures referred to by the Examiner do not illustrate a backlight or no backlight, as described by the Examiner and such features are not recited in the claims.

Accordingly, applicants submit that the requirement for election of species, sub-species and sub-sub-species is improper and should be withdrawn.

In order to provide a complete response to the election requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Species I, as identified by the Examiner, Sub-Species B, as identified by the Examiner, and Sub-Sub-Species 1, as identified by the Examiner, and submit that claims 6, 23 and 27 are readable thereon.

For the foregoing reasons, withdrawal of the election requirement and favorable consideration of all claims present in this application are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 503.35282CX2), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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